

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, January 22, 2014

Lafayette County Boardroom, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wiegel, Wolfe and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Fiduccia of Green County, DeLain of Iowa County, Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl, trail coordinators.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Deb Krahenbuhl verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and sent to the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Ludlum and second by KublyWiegel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by DeLain and second by Wolfe to approve the December 4th minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Tom has talked with Annie Loeschler from the DNR and has been told that if anyone has new miles of trail that they need to apply for maintenance grants, they are probably not going to be funded in the near future, however they should still apply and get their project on the list.

With that in mind, Bill Zasada representing the Arthur Snowmobile Club LLC, presented the committee with an application for 7 new miles of snowmobile trails in Lafayette County, north of Belmont. This trail will essentially connect two existing state funded trails and will be 11 miles in total length. They would like the County to sponsor the application to the DNR, using the County resolution for their authorization. A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Wolfe to pass this application onto the DNR through the County's authorizing resolution. The motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding some much needed work to widen some bridges in the Gratiot area. Those applications will have to be submitted by April 15th. There was a motion by Wolfe and a second by Wiegel to apply for additional bridge funding before the April 15th deadline. Following some discussion, the motion carried.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

The log jam on bridge #31 just to the west of Larse Road has been cleared out by the Gratiot Sportsmans Club and Kojak Excavating. The invoice from Kojak is \$1,300.00 and we think there is money available from the River Alliance group to pay for some of the clean up. Following some discussion, it was the feeling of the committee that since the Gratiot Sportsman Club did all of the work and since the Tri County Trail received the benefit of the clean-up, the Tri County Trail Commission should pay for at least one-half of the invoice, with the River Alliance group paying the other half. A motion was made by DeLain and seconded by Wolfe to pay \$650.00 from the TCTC trust fund for the bridge #31 clean up effort. The motion carried.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

The Tri County Trails has not been open to snowmobiles and very little if any grooming has been done due to lack of snow. The trail has remained open to ATV's and some trail maintenance activities have been accomplished.

Legislative Update:

Rob McConnell reported that there is ongoing discussion regarding raising the State ATV/UTV registration fee from \$30 every two years, to a possible \$75 every two years. This would still be cheaper than the snowmobile registration fee of \$40/year. The statewide meetings are coming up.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers.

The status of funds and vouchers was presented to the Committee.

Vouchers presented for approval included : Jeff Voegeli – Mowing July through Dec. \$280.00, Jeff Voegeli – Gravel installed in June. \$2,582.00, Jeff Voegeli – grading washouts \$967.00 Jeff Voegeli – Mowing and Spraying \$2,113.50 A motion to approve the vouchers and status of funds was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ludlum and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday Feb. 19th, 2015 at the Mineral Pt. City Hall in Iowa County.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Ludlum to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted 2/16/15 TRJ